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Insurgency in Afghanistan in the Regional Strategic Context

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Overview of Today's Lecture

- Origins of this project
- Pakistan
  - Conditions in Pakistan
  - Talibanization
  - Balochistan
  - Pakistan & Afghanistan
  - Opposing the militants
- Conclusions

The Genesis of th Project

- Canadian area of operations Kandahar Province bordering Balochistan, Pakistan
- Need for regional strategic picture
- June 09 - Mr. Anthony Kellett produces paper
- Revised Oct 09

Pakistan – A Failing State?

- Civil Violence
- Political Weakness
- Socio-Economic Conditions

The Talibanization of Pakistan

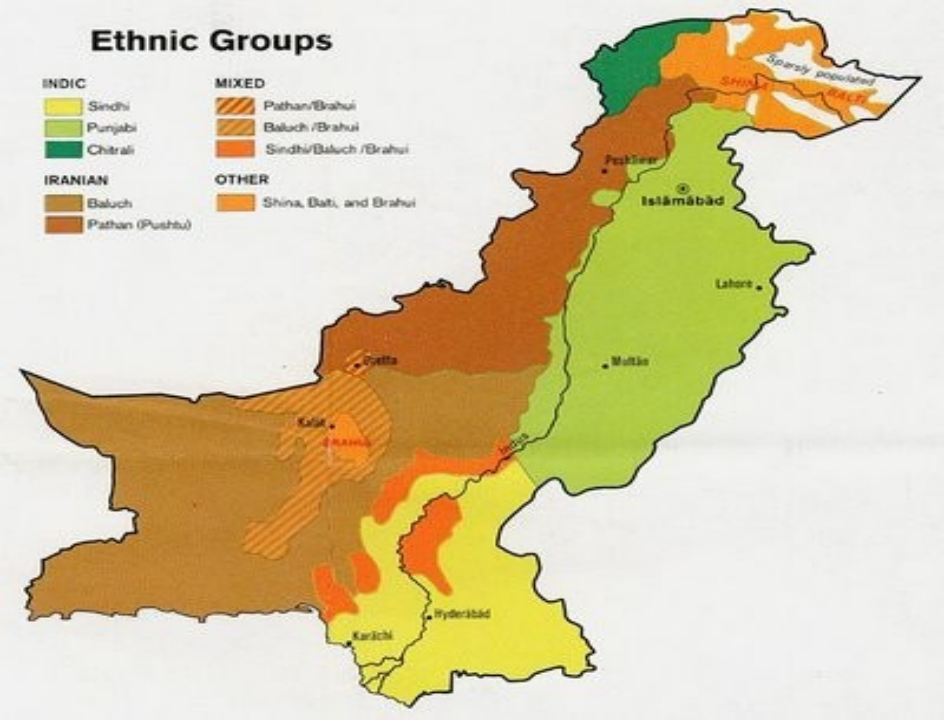
- The Pakistani Taliban
- The Tribal Areas
- Rising Extremism in th

  Rest of the Country
- Pakistan

  & Global Jihadi Terroris

Balochistan

- Preconditions of Unrest
- Nationalist Rebellion
- Pakistan's Response

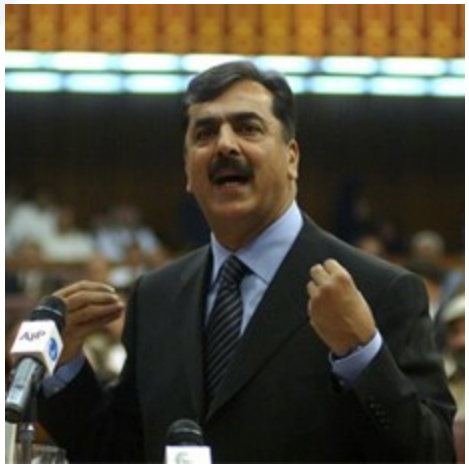


Pakistan & Afghanistan

- Islamabad's Aims
- Militant Proxies
- The Tribal Areas

  & the Threat to Afghan Stability
- Balochistan & Afghan Insurgency
- Cross-border weapons movemen

Opposing the Militants



- Leadership
- Civil Society & Public Opinion
- Security Forces
  - Military
  - Police

Conclusions

- Pakistan increasingly fragile
- Islamist extremism is spreading
- Pakistan has replaced Afghanistan as the base for terrorism in West (al-Qaida)
- Pakistan wants a friendly regime in Afghanistan to counter India
- Islamabad has long used militant groups as proxies, has lost control, but has persisted in this policy
- Balochistan key command and logistics centre for Afghan Taliban; Islamabad unlikely to act against them
- Bomb-making expertise and material widely available in Pakistan, cross border easily
- Militants in Pakistan have been more determined than government, army and society
- Afghan Taliban and allies will likely retain (Pakistan) sanctuary crucial to insurgency in Afghanistan

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